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**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND
COMMERCE**

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN WITT**, on January 14, 1999 at
8:05 A.M., in Room 201 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Witt, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom Keating, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. William Crismore (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Summer Alger, Committee Secretary
Roger Lloyd, Legislative Branch
Doug Schmitz, OBPP

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET
Executive Action: HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET

HEARING ON HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET - OIL AND GAS DIVISION

Present Law Adjustments:

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New Proposals:

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Roger Lloyd discussed Underground Injection Control Program on **C-145** in the LBA 2001, and **Mr. Richmond** responded.

Some Questions from Committee Members:

Sen. Keating questioned **Tom Richmond** about HB 7. **Roger Lloyd** answered, also.

Chairman Witt questioned **Doug Schmitz** on the LFD note on the top of **C-145** of the Legislative Budget Analysis 2001 Biennium: Agency Budgets, Vol. 1, January 1999, LFD. **Tom Richmond** also replied.

**The Legislative Budget Analysis (LBA) 2001 budget book will not be referred to as an exhibit, however, budget information from other sources will be noted as exhibits.*

Sen. Keating asked if the division does get a statutory appropriation, they could use some for personal services. **Mr. Schmitz** replied not really, and **Mr. Richmond** commented to clarify.

Chairman Witt asked if the \$120,000 were not put in would it still be possible to get Federal funding. **Ann Bauchman** responded, as did **Doug Schmitz**. **Mr. Richmond** made the comment that a regulatory activity cannot be subsidized with a Federal grant.

Sen. Keating asked if the division had been audited. **Mr. Richmond** replied every year, and that they have not been criticized so far.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET - OIL AND GAS DIVISION

Present Law Adjustments:

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Motion/Vote: **SEN. KEATING** moved that DP 16 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by **SEN. CRISMORE**. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. KEATING** moved that DP 2103, DP 2104, DP 2105, DP 2106 BE ADOPTED SECONDED by **REP. HAINES**. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 11 BE ADOPTED AS ONE-TIME-ONLY AND RESTRICTED. SECONDED by SEN. NELSON. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. TROPILA moved that "THE WHOLE PACKAGE" (DP 2202, DP 2203, DP 2205, DP 2206, DP 2207, DP 2208) BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by SEN. KEATING. Motion carried unanimously.

New Proposals:

No action taken.

Language:

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Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that THE LANGUAGE ON C-145, OF THE LBA 2001 BUDGET BOOK (TO GRANT SPENDING AUTHORITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS) BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by REP. HAINES. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING ON HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET - WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

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Jack Stults gave the Water Resources Division overview presentation, **Glen McDonald** from the Projects Bureau gave an update on State water projects, and a slide show of the Tongue River Dam was given. **Mr. Stults** touched on New Proposals making general reference to the Bair and Nevada Creek renovation projects. After a number of questions from the committee, and a short break, **Mr. Stults** continued his presentation with responsibilities of the Water Rights Bureau and the Water Management Bureau.

Paul Russet Jr., Chippewa/Cree Tribe, commented that he wants all to make informed and wise decisions over Northeastern Montana and good quality drinking water. With much committee dialogue, the discussion flowed into the Water Operations Bureau and out to the Pipeline presentation given by **Dan Kyle, Conrad, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee of Regulating the Water System from Tiber reservoir**. Handouts of the Rocky Boys/Northcentral Montana Regional Water System Budget and of the Coordinating Committee Administration Funding Request were given to committee members. **EXHIBIT(jnh10a01)** & **EXHIBIT(jnh10a02)** respectively.

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Ann Marie Robinson commented on TSEP and that the State of Montana has nothing in place to protect rural water associations, as did **Mr. Russet**.

A copy of a Rocky Boy/North Central Montana Regional Water System Newsletter was handed out giving insight into the Regional Water Coordinating Committee.

EXHIBIT (jnh10a03)

Roger Lloyd commented on the Present Law Adjustments with reference to the tables and discussion on **C-152** in the LBA 2001 budget book. **Sen. Keating** asked budget questions while **Jack Stults** commented on the negative figures of Table 12.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:57 A.M.

REP. JOHN WITT, Chairman

SUMMER ALGER, Secretary

JW/SA

EXHIBIT (jnh10aad)